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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
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NOTIFICATION

The 23rd February, 2010.

No.POL.214/91/261.—The Notification S.O. 2824 (E), dated 4th November, 2009 published by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, declaring of Assam and 20 Km. wide belt in the State of Meghalaya along the Border with Assam as 'Disturbed Area' under Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 is hereby republished for general information.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

New Delhi, the 4th November, 2009.

No.S.O.2824(E).—Whereas the Central Government in exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (28 of 1958) had declared the entire State of Assam as 'Disturbed Area' with effect from 27th November, 1990 vide Notification S.O. 916 (E), dated 27th November, 1990.

And whereas the Central Government in exercise of power conferred by Section 3 of the aforesaid Act had also declared besides other areas, the areas falling within 20 Kms wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya along their border with the State of Assam as 'Disturbed Area'.

And whereas the period during which the State of Assam and areas falling within 20 Kms wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya along their border with the State of Assam shall be 'Disturbed Area' under the aforesaid Act was extended from time to time after reviewing the law and order situation in the State of Assam and aforesaid areas.

And whereas a further review of the law and order situation in Assam and 20 Kms wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya bordering Assam indicates the following :-

- i) The law and order situation in the State Assam has continued to remain grim due to violent incidents by Under Ground Outfits.
- ii) During April 2009 to September 2009, the Under Ground Outfirs were involved in 225 incidents of violence in Assam which resulted in killings of 88 persons including 18 security personnel.

- iii) The above-mentioned outfits continue to affirm their faith in armed struggle and indulge in acts of violence to create panic among the common people, disturb the administrative system and extort from the people.
- iv) The areas falling in the 20 Kms wide belt inside Arunachal Pradesh have witnessed deterioration in law and order due to militant activities and encounters between different militant organizations (operating in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam) and Security Forces particularly in the districts of Tirap, Changlang, Lohit, East and West Siang and Lower Dibang Valley districts. The National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) factions are also involved in extortion activities in the Assam - Arunachal border areas. The targets of extortion by the Outfits include the business community local people, Government officers and also PSUs operating in the area. ULFA cadres have also been using Changlang and Lohit districts to reach their camps in Myanmar. ULFA cadres have hideouts in the districts of Lohit, Lower Dibang Valley, East and West Siang of Arunachal Pradesh.
- v) The current security and law & order scenario in Meghalaya has shown some improvement mainly owing to Suspension of Operation (SoO) against cadres of A-chik National Volunteer Council (ANVC) and the success of the Security Forces in neutralizing the cadres of Hynniewtre National Liberation Council (HNLC). The region is used as an infiltration/exfiltration route from/to Bangladesh and for smuggling of arms/ammunition from that country to Assam via Garo Hills. ULFA has been known to be using this area for shelter/hideouts and trans-shipment of arms/ammunition/explosive consignments.

Now, therefore the entire State of Assam and 20 Kms wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya bordering Assam shall continue to be 'Disturbed Area' under Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 upto one year unless withdrawn earlier.

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